

Little Calumet Headwaters Nature Preserve

County: LaPorte

Size: 107 acres

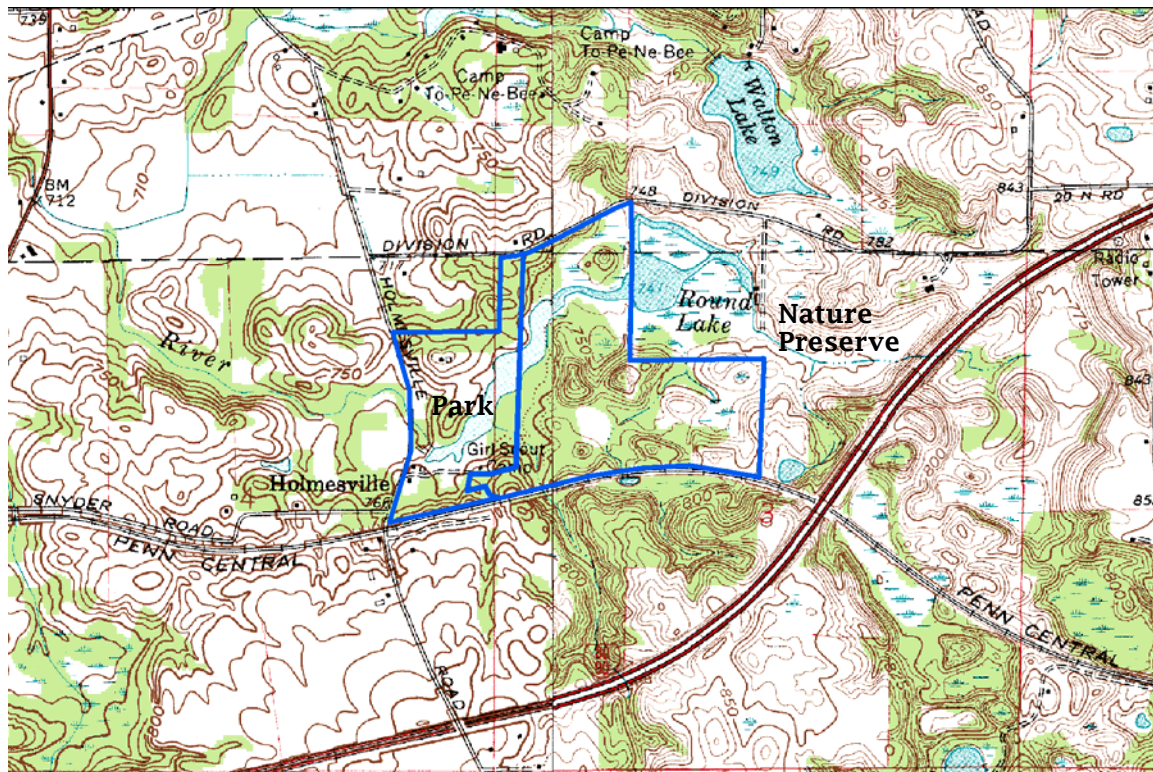
Ownership: LaPorte County Parks Foundation, Inc.



Location and Access

Parking Lot and Trail: This preserve is due west of LaPorte. From the north, take US 421 south to the intersection of County Road 100 North and Holmesville Road, at Beattys Corner. Turn left onto Holmesville Road and go about 2.5 miles. The entrance and parking are on the left.

From LaPorte, take SR 2 west about 7.5 miles to S. Holmesville Road. Turn north (right) and go about 2.5 miles. The entrance and parking lot are on the right



Description: This preserve is located on and protects some of the headwaters of the Little Calumet River. The pond is maintained by a dam that was originally built to provide water power to a former mill on the property. Along with the pond and its associated wetlands, the area contains seeps, spring runs, and upland forest. A variety of sedges are found with marsh marigold, blue flag, swamp thistle, white water lily, sycamore, red maple, and several willows found in the wet areas. In the drier sites there is harbinger of spring, partridge berry, Canada mayflower, large-flowered trillium, several different ferns, pawpaw, round-leaved dogwood, white oaks and white pine.

This preserve was purchased with funds from the Indiana Heritage Trust Program. The preserve is managed by the LaPorte County Park Department and is a part of Red Mill County Park.

Further Information:

LaPorte County Parks & Recreation Department, Red Mill County Park, Canada Lodge, 0185 S. Holmesville Road, LaPorte, IN 46350. 219-325-8315. www.laportecountyparks.org

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